

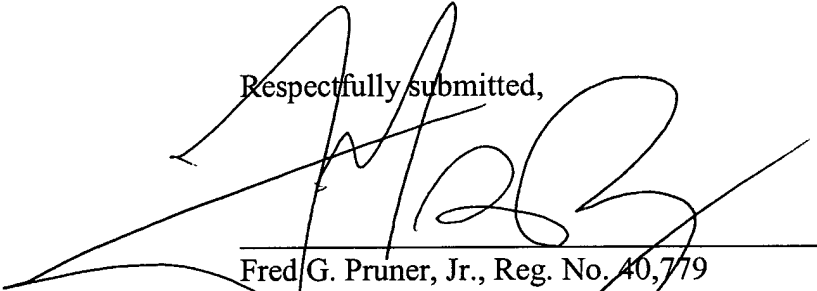
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Request For Continued Examination Application (RCE). Claims 1-20 have been cancelled without prejudice. New claims 21-46 are patentable over the cited art. More specifically, neither Arai nor Yoshizawa teaches or suggests automatically determining whether a characteristic (other than size) of a memory device installed in a computer system limits the memory capacity of the computer system. Therefore, for at least this reason, independent claims 21, 34 and 42 are allowable over the cited art. Claims 22-33, 35-41 and 43-48 are patentable for at least the reason that these claims depend from allowable claims.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (MCT.0102US).

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